

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A composition,  
  
**characterized in that**  
  
it comprises as active ingredients  
  
(a) melatonin or a derivative thereof,  
  
(b) ginkgo biloba and  
  
(c) biotin.
  
2. (Original) The composition as claimed in claim 1,  
  
**characterized in that**  
  
it comprises melatonin or a melatonin derivative selected from  
  
5-methoxytryptamine, 5-methoxytryptophan, 5-methoxytryptophol,  
  
5-methoxyindole-3-acetic acid and 6-hydroxymelatonin, and physiologically  
  
acceptable salts, esters and complex compounds thereof.
  
3. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~,  
  
**characterized in that**  
  
it comprises ginkgo biloba as dry extract or/and one or more constituents  
  
thereof.
  
4. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~any of the~~  
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1,

**characterized in that**

the concentration or active ingredients is in each case in the range between 0.0001% (by weight) and 1% (by weight) based on the total weight of the composition.

5. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1,  
**characterized in that**  
the active ingredients are present as solution or/and dispersion in a liquid, semisolid or solid carrier system.
6. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1,  
**characterized in that**  
it permits controlled delivery of at least one of the active ingredients.
7. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 for pharmaceutical or/and cosmetic applications.
8. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 as topical formulation.
9. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 7 ~~or 8~~ for use in the hair.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~,  
**characterized in that**  
the transdermal absorption of at least one of the active ingredients is  
controllable.
11. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~any of the~~  
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1 as solution, suspension, emulsion, microemulsion,  
nanosystem, cream, gel, lotion, spray, foam or ointment.
12. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~any of the~~  
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1 in a packaging or application system selected from  
single-dose ampules made of plastics or glass, tubes, bottles, spray bottles,  
patches, sponges and textile or plastics carriers.
13. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~any of the~~  
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1 for enhancing the hair follicle-stimulating effect of  
melatonin through the addition of ginkgo biloba and biotin.
14. (Currently Amended) The use of a composition as claimed in ~~any of the~~  
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1 for promoting hair growth.
15. (Original) The use as claimed in claim 14 for producing an agent for the  
prevention or/and treatment of alopecia.
16. (Original) The use as claimed in claim 15 for the treatment of alopecia in

men.

17. (Original) The use as claimed in claim 15 for the treatment of alopecia in women.

18. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in ~~any of claims 14 to 17~~ claim 14,  
**characterized in that**  
from 0.001 mg to 10 mg of melatonin are administered per application.

19. (Original) The use as claimed in claim 18,  
**characterized in that**  
from 0.01 mg to 1 mg of melatonin are administered per application.